



Laura M. Newinski

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Laura Newinski is vice chair of operations of KPMG LLP, where she is responsible for technology, including digital transformation, the data strategy, technology operations and security, as well as financial matters encompassing forecasting, planning, and monitoring the execution of the firm's financial performance. In addition, she oversees KPMG operations areas such as pension investments, real estate, office operations, and internal audit. A member of the KPMG U.S. Management Committee, she also serves as the chief operating officer for KPMG's Americas region, helping to ensure KPMG's international network of member firms effectively deliver services to clients in North, Central, and South America. During her 30-year career, she has had extensive experience serving multinational Fortune 500 companies and led multidisciplinary client-service teams across the U.S. and globally. Through her work, Laura is recognized for her knowledge and insight on operational, tax, and performance development strategies.

Prior to her current role, Laura served as the national managing partner of tax for KPMG where she oversaw a team of 6,000 partners and professionals and led a \$2 billion-plus business.

Laura joined KPMG in 1988 and was named to the partnership in 1997. Over the course of her career, she has focused largely on serving publicly held and private companies in the financial services and food and beverage sectors, including Wells Fargo, Land o'Lakes, and Cargill. Deeply committed to supporting KPMG's focus on inclusion and diversity, Laura is the former chair of the KPMG Network of Women (KNOW) and a frequent speaker in external and internal forums on creating and cultivating an inclusive culture.

Active in the community, Laura serves on the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony Board and on the Tippie Advisory Board. She is a former board member for Catholic Charities and chair of the board of Vail Place, a not-for-profit organization that provides community-based mental health recovery services. She is a member and past president of the UI's Professional Accounting Council. Laura has been named the accounting department's Accounting Alumni of the Year (2013), among the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" (2005), and by *The Diversity Journal* among the "Women Worth Watching" (2011). She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants

Laura graduated from the University of Iowa with a BBA in accounting in 1987. She and her husband, David, live in Bloomington, Minnesota, and have two sons.